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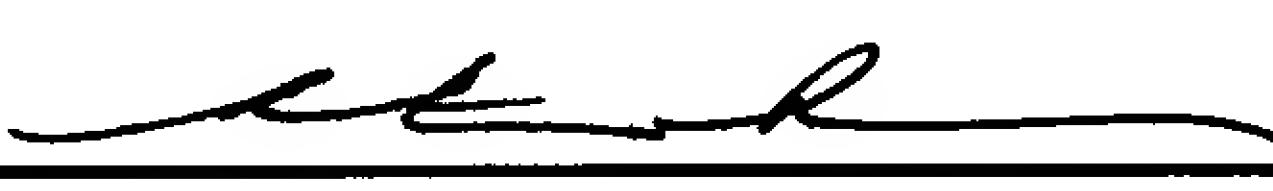
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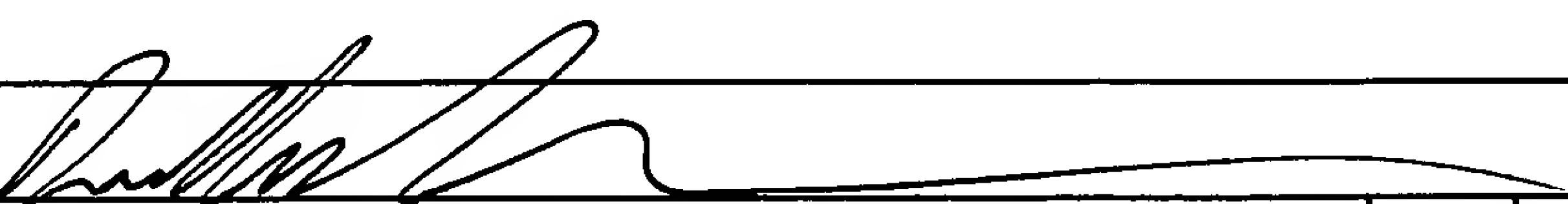
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This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2005, with a shortened statutory period of two months for response. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

A listing of claims begins at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the **Abstract** begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 5 of this paper.